

'Dads and Drive split Saturday doubleheader

Written by Staff Reports

Sunday, 04 September 2011 06:07

Will Lamb, Ben Rowen and Francisco Mendoza combined to toss a two-hit, 3-0 win for the Hickory Crawdads in the second seven-inning game of Saturday's doubleheader against the Greenville Drive, before 2,772 fans at L.P. Frans Stadium. The Drive won the first seven-inning game, 9-2.

In game one, the Drive (76-61, 38-29) moved in front early by taking advantage of a pair of Crawdads errors in the top of the second inning. After Christian Vasquez and Xander Bogaerts both walked to start the inning, both later scored thanks to a pair of Hickory errors. First baseman Drew Hedman made both miscues that gave the Drive a 2-0 lead.

The Crawdads (78-56, 38-28) pulled even as they scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the third. Kevin Torres made his Hickory debut by reaching on a single to start the frame. Torres took second on a sacrifice fly, advancing next to third base on a ground out. Odubel Herrera got the 'Dads on the board with an RBI single to right field that scored Torres. Telis followed with a base hit, and then Christian Villanueva tied the game, 2-2, with an RBI single, scoring Herrera from second base.

Greenville moved back in front with an unearned run in the fourth, and the Drive stretched its lead with a solo bomb by Bogaerts in the sixth, making it 4-2. The Drive opened the gap further with a five-run frame in the top of the seventh, including an RBI double by David Renfro, who later scored on a wild pitch, and a three-run homer by Vasquez, capping the 9-2 win for Greenville.

In game two, Will Lamb (2-0) of the Crawdads picked up his second win of the year. Lamb went five innings, gave up a bloop single to Henry Ramos in the fifth, walked one and struck out eight. The Crawdads (79-56, 39-28) gave Lamb all the runs he needed in the bottom of the first inning. Jurickson Profar led off the inning with a solo home run over the right field wall that gave Hickory a 1-0 lead. Jake Skole and Tomas Telis followed with consecutive singles, putting runners at the corners. Skole then raced home on a double play ball hit by Christian Villanueva that gave the 'Dads a 2-0 lead.

Hickory scored again in the bottom of the fifth. Jonathan Roof singled to start the inning and took second on a Profar sacrifice bunt. After Skole walked, Telis plated Roof with an RBI single to right field, making it 3-0.

NOTES; The 'Dads take on the Drive on Sunday at 5 p.m. It is Superhero Night, so dress up like your favorite superhero for a FREE ticket to the game! Also, Sunday will feature the annual Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley Drive, with all fans donating a new baby care item at the game receiving a FREE ticket to the game. Gates open at 4 p.m.